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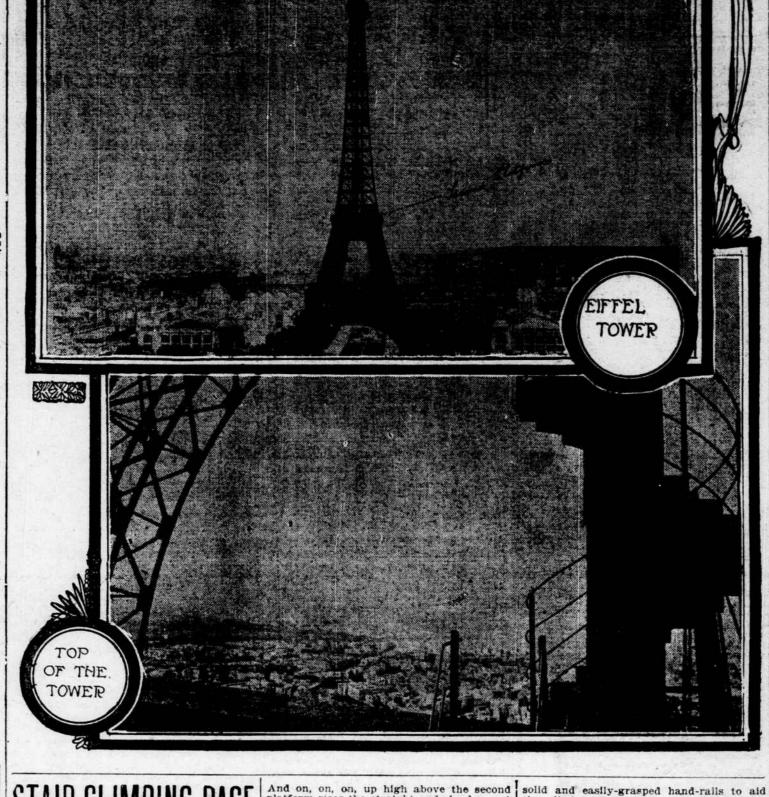
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## STAIR CLIMBING RACE

To Be Run Up the Steps of Eiffel Tower.

BIG ENDURANCE TEST

A DRESS REHEARSAL TO THE SECOND PLATFORM.

Winner of the Preliminary Contest Climbed 729 Steps in Three Minutes and Twelve Seconds.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

PARIS, November 27, 1905. Up the steps of the Eiffel tower in the most terrific foot race the world has ever seen-this is the latest Parisian sporting proposition. Did you ever hear of a stairclimbing contest-up stairs like those of the monstrous Eiffel tower? And open to all amateurs and all professionals of every

branch of sport from every land! They are already calling it the international championship of the stairway, and, no one having been killed in the dress rehearsal, the world will within a few months be palpitating over an endurance contest more striking, novel, big-and dangerous-than ever has been seen.

The French are certainly becoming an extremely sporty people. The first day the scheme was sprung upon the public it was as good as accepted by the giant organizations-the U. V. F. (Cyclists' Union), the U. S. F. S. A. (Union of Foot Ball Clubs) and the S. C. I. M., which stands for an immense number of athletic clubs all over

At the same time there arose a storm of protest. Eminent physicians, like Debove, Brouardel and Doyen, being interviewed, admitted it is bad to over-try the heart, and while moderate stair-climbing strengthens that organ, excess is always dangerous. That was enough for the old French interests and prejudices. The championship of the stairway was to be a championship of self-destruction, whose organizers were no better than homicides. Even the powerful associations were for a moment shaken. Then the wonderful new sporting spirit of the French reasserted itself and found a compromise. "We will have a kind of dress rehearsal to the second platform," they said, "and invite the nations to race

to the summit with us later.' More Reasonable Proposition.

That sounded more reasonable. If you look at a photograph of the Eiffel tower you will see the second platform. The first platform is just above the big legs of the tower. The second platform is above what may be called its seemingly chunky waist.

ROOSEVELT ON BOYCOTT.

Received Letter.

Responding to communications from the

Merchants' Exchange of San Francisco,

President Roosevelt has written a letter

in which he expresses his views concerning

the Chinese boycott of American goods,

and also, the exclusion laws. The Presi-

dent writes that this government must do

justice as well as exact justice; that Chi-

nese laborers should be excluded, but that

the exempt classes of Chinese should be

treated courteously. If the exclusion laws

need to be amended, American merchants

must exercise their influence for amend-

ment, he says. The President adds that the immigration department has acted with utmost harshness toward the Chinese, the

fault resting ultimately with mistaken pub-

In regard to the Chinese boycott of American goods the President says that

everything in his power and that of the State Department has been done to stop

the boycott. "Anything further," he con-tinues, "must be done by your own rep-resentatives in the Senate and House by

favoring such amendments to the exclusion laws as would cause them to conform to what the chief executive deemed right

Adjudged to Be of Unsound Mind.

Justice Gould presiding, the following-named persons were adjudged to be of un-

At a hearing yesterday before a jury, with

lie opinion.

And on, on, on, up high above the second platform rises the straight and slender part of the monument, with an elevator-trans-fer station in its center. Then on, on, up again the slender, straight part continues to the third platform, practically the top, surmounted by a kind of curving crown.

Looking at the photograph, the second platform seems not high at all. It looks, indeed, like the foot of the tower properties to possible to properties the top of its pedestal. A foot race from the top of its pedestal. A foot race from the ground up to it ought not be a terrible affair. No; but, all the same, the second platform of the Eiffel tower, low as it seems, is almost twice as high as the high-

est other Paris monument. Here is the list: Number of steps Trocadero. 79
Pantheon 79
Invalides (Napoleon's tomb) 71
Towers of Notre Dame Cathedral 67
Column of the Bastille 60
Tower of St. Jacques 58
Arch of Triumph (Etoile) 49
Madeleine (church) 31
Ordinary 5-story apartment house 17

climb simply to the second platform of the Eiffel tower is, therefore, equiva-lent to mounting to the top of a 35-slory apartment house. For an individual of average weight the

effort, including the lifting of one's body 729 steps, represents the formidable total of 50,000 kilograms, say, fifty tons. The calculation is easy, and, from the athletic point of view, this stairway championship calls particular attention to the enormous body demands. If a man weighs 160 pounds the mounting of a single step demands the lifting of 100 pounds. Then he steps. And at the next step he lifts 160 pounds again. In mounting the 729 steps to the second platform, therefore, each competitor will have to lift 729 times 160 pounds, or 116,640 pounds, or more than fifty tons.

The Best Stair-Climbers.

What kind of men make the best stairclimbers? In yesterday's "dress rehearsal" they had made six categories: Veteran athletes above thirty years, veteran athletes above forty years, pupils above sixteen years, runners and walkers, bicycle racers and foot ball players.

But it was category-making in the dark. so to speak, and there were no data on which to conjecture what category would hold out best, or (still more problematical) what approximate time the winners of each category would make up the 729 steps to the second platform. It was almost an the second platform. It was almost an unprecedented contest, but there exists a street going up the Montmartre hill in the Bowery district of Paris that is composed of some 250 steps. Up this Feyatier staircase, as it is called, they had a foot race of this kind two years ago, and the winner was a bicycle racer—in no way habituated to climbing stairs. Indeed, for three years previously he had lived in a ground-floor apartment. floor apartment.

What time ought to have been made up the 729 steps? Previously to the trial of yesterday the training that went on ceaselessly day in and day out for something like a week permitted what seemed the sensational estimate that the winner would certainly make the 720 steps in a trifle less than three minutes!

This was explained to be possible because of the equality and general ease of the Eiffel Tower steps—in dry weather. Their numerous turns, however, alternating with the straight stretches, were found to take a certain practice; so that it came to be said that the "swinging of those corners" would decide the victory. All the way up, on both sides, there are

NOT FIT TO GOVERN Merchants' Exchange at San Francisco Japanese Minister's Opinion of Korea

> and Its Officials. That Japan will insist on maintaining a protectorate over Korea, in spite of any efforts to oust her from that position, is the declaration of Kogora Takahira, the Japanese minister to the United States, who arrived in San Francisco Thursday evening on his way to Japan.

> Minister Takahira was very emphatic in his statement that Korea was not fit to act as an independent country, and that until it was so strengthened and stable that its policy could not be swayed by every breeze of popular opinion it would remain practically a subject country of

Petition for Limited Divorce.

Julia Ann Johnson, through Attorney Campbell Carrington, has petitioned the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to grant her a limited divorce from Henry Johnson. She sets forth that her husband resentatives in the Senate and House by way of making such changes in the exclusion laws as to prevent the injustice and humiliation to which the Chinese who do not belong to the coolie class have been subjected in coming to this country."

The Merchants' Exchange held a meeting and gave prompt acquiescence to the President's views by adopting resolutions favoring such amendments to the exclusions. is serving a term of imprisonment of eleven months and twenty-nine days in tall, imposed after being convicted of assaulting her. According to the petitioner, the de-fendant has threatened to take her life, and she fears he will attempt to carry the threat into execution when he is released from jail. She asks the court to enjoin him from molesting her.

Marylanders and Exposition. Special Dispatch to The Star.

NORFOLK, Va., December 16. - The Maryland state commission to the James-town exposition, headed by Chairman Frederick M. Colston, arrived here Thursday and after visiting the exposition site

the climber. The steps are naturally of iron, studded with rivets that give a good

fron, studded with rivets that give a good foothold in dry weather. In wet weather they become a bit slippery.

Well, it was wet weather of the nastiest kind they had for their first trial yesterday; and out of the 212 starters there were at least 200 who explained their bad time up as due to "swinging those corners" on the slippery wet iron stairs. The "dress re-hearsal" came off in a drizzling rain driven by tremendous gusts of wind-weather so bad that you might have imagined the whole thing a failure in advance. Nevertheless, out of the 319 professionals and amateurs who had entered for the trial, 212 actually made the race; and the Eiffel Tower was simply packed with spectators.

The Dress Rehearsal. They particularly crowded the first platform, massing in every available spot in view of the stairway. Minute after minute-each a minute apart-the contestants started, some in full running race costume, some in gymnasium rig, some in bicycle racing togs and many in ordinary suitswith their coats off. One among them, a Monsieur Wachora, accomplished the 729 steps carrying on his shoulders a bag of cement weighing 110 pounds. His time was nine minutes and twenty-five seconds. The winner, Forestier, made the 729 steps in three minutes and twelve seconds. After him came one Lepage in three minutes and sixteen seconds, while the third was Prevost in three minutes and seventeen seconds. Duplicating the result of the Feyatier Staircase Event, Forestier is a one-time champion cyclist, now in the milk business. Very curiously, Lepage is also

a milk man.

Among the "also ran" were the cele brated pedestrians Plel and Tigniez, the Italian champion Volpati and the Belgian champion Veistracken; but even among the younger fry of the "State Francals" and the cycle clubs not a single one fainted, nor was overcome, nor even suffered mo-mentarily from the heart; and it was matter for surprise and general comment among the organizers, athletes and general public how quickly the contestants recovered themselves. Within a few minutes after doing their 729 steps they were astonishingly fresh. Many boasted on the spot of their ability "to go on up"—they did not specify how far; but it became understood, as the day went on, that the race on to the top of the tower is perfectly practical and that its coming off only a matter of time and organization. On to the top! There will be serious money prizes to attract Americans and others. On to the top! There are 1,800 On to the top! There are 1,800 steps instead of 729.

There is no such other stairway in the world, nor has ever been. The greatest of antiquity is said to have been that running up Mount Moriah to the Temple of Jerusalem. The walls of Babylon were 118 yards high by thirty yards wide. The stairways leading to them had 690 steps.
The stairway of the Propyles, leading to the Parthenon, was one of the marvels of Athens. That of St. Peter's at Rome has 140 steps—so easy that it can be mounted by a horse and wagon.

The Elffel tower has 1,800 steps to the

third platform. The next greatest stair-way existing today is—where do you suppose? It belongs to the almost unknown Greek town of Nauplia; and it leads to the citadel of Palameda, some 216 yards high. It is said to have 1,168 steps. STERLING HEILIG.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

terday over the remains of the colored

George Wood Declared Responsible for Death of Thomas Brown. An inquest was held at the morgue yes-

man, Thomas Brown, who lived in Fitz court, and died from the effects of injuries, as heretofore stated in The Star. George Wood, alias "Schneider," charged with inflicting the fatal injuries, made no statement to the jury, but told the police that the elderly man was jealous of him and attempted to assault him with a hatchet before he used the brick on his head. Wood had worked for Brown, and on the night of November 11 he called at the latter's house and trouble ensued. Going out of the house, he picked up a brick and threw it through the door, striking Brown. Then, it is said, he stood over his victim and broke another brick over his head.

"Ain't the old — dead yet?" he asked after he had broken the brick. "I guess I'll finish him." Several witnesses told the jury of the trouble, and a verdict holding Wood responsible for Brown's death was returned. Wood was photographed at police head-quarters and was returned to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Deficiency Estimates Wanted. Chairman Tawney of the House-appropriations committee has sent a letter

to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting that he notify the various branches of the government service in which deficiencies may exist, under authority of the exceptions in the deficiency bill, to immediately submit their estimates of such deficiencies. The bill will probably be taken up immediately after the holidays. Chairman Tawney's notification does not, however, mean that the rule has been relaxed as concerns branches of the of lady managers. Many fancy articles of the wakefield as purpottery and other products of the boys ser. This extra service will be continued sonney. Ethel C. Phillips and William sition in 1907. The commissioners have returned to Baltimore.

B. Reed, Edward A. Neil, Jennie Charanfor Maryland's representation at the exposition in 1907. The commissioners have returned to Baltimore.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

District Man's Suit Settled.

LISBON, Ohio, December 16 .- The damage case of Judge Byron S. Ambler, formerly of Salem, Ohio, but now located at Washington, D. C., against Osbourne and Henry C. Marshall, the last named now deceased, and the Lisbon Coal Company, which was assigned for trial in common pleas court this week, was settled before Judge Warren W. Hole came to it. By the terms of the settlement, judgment for \$1,500, payable in thirty days, is entered in court in favor of the plaintiff, both parties to pay their own costs in the litigation. The claim for damages in this case was based on three causes of action.

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